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## WAXMAN JOINS SUIT ON USED CAR DEALERS

Congressman Henry A. Waxman (D-Los Angeles) today announced he will join a consumer lawsuit in federal district court challenging the recent congressional veto of an important consumer protection regulation. The rule, recently issued by the Federal Trade Commission, requires used car dealers to disclose known defects in the vehicles they sell and to post all warranty information on the window sticker. Last week, after intense auto dealer lobbying, Congress vetoed the FTC rule.

Mr. Waxman will join a lawsuit filed today by Consumers Union, the non-profit publisher of Consumer Reports magazine, and Ralph Nader's Public Citizens group. The litigation will challenge the constitutionality of last week's veto. Because of the importance of this case, it is expected that the United States Supreme Court will issue a definitive ruling on this matter.

Waxman charged that legislative veto disrupts the balance of powers and accountability shared by the three branches of government. Waxman restated his long held skepticism over legislative veto. "This experience has confirmed my fears that affected industries would bring their cases to Congress, rather than to administrative officials in the agencies, who are, in fact, our delegated agents responsible for making reasoned judgments free of political pressure,"

Waxman attacked last week's legislative veto as anti-consumer. He said, "The used car dealers came to Congress for permission to engage in deceptive trade practices. Both houses of Congress gave them that permission. As a result, unscrupulous dealers can now withhold important information from consumers with a Congressional "Seal of Approval" and even lie without fear of effective federal sanction."